

**DETERGENTS - THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS**

The detergent issue is nearing legislative resolution in Connecticut. Public Act 192, passed by the 1973 General Assembly, extended a legal ban on sale in Connecticut of detergents containing phosphorus from June 30, 1973 to June 30, 1974, pending a report by the DEP Commissioner due February 15, 1974.

The Commissioner was to investigate the effects of all types of detergents, both those containing phosphorus and non-phosphorus giving due consideration to "protecting the public health and the quality of the waters of the state, the efficacy and the safety of substitute products to public health and welfare and to the environment, and all other matters affecting the public interest." The Commissioner was to submit to the General Assembly a report of his findings with recommendations for legislation.

The report on the investigation, the Department's findings and its recommendations for legislation have been submitted to the legislature, and a bill concerning detergents has been raised.

The Department recommended repealing the total ban on phosphates, while retaining the present 8.7% limit on phosphate content, finding that treatment to remove phosphorus from selected sewage discharges would remove nearly twice as much phosphorus as a ban. It would also enable DEP to conduct a more effective monitoring and enforcement program. To construct the needed sewage treatment facilities, DEP recommends amending the statute concerning bond fund expenditures to allow full federal-state grant funding of the capital costs of constructing such facilities to decrease the costs to the municipalities.

In areas not served by sewage systems, where septic failures are causing or contributing to eutrophication problems and where appropriate community corrective measures can't be soon achieved, DEP recommends it be given the authority to regulate the use of phosphate detergents on a community basis.

Lawn or garden fertilizer runoff may be contributing to the problem in homes surrounding lakes and ponds, and DEP recommends an area-wide education program on the use of fertilizers, as well as a restriction on phosphate detergents, be carried out where needed.

The DEP report also recommends the Department be granted authority to prohibit use of specific detergents where they are found to be harmful, and it advocates entering into immediate negotiation with Massachusetts and New York to persuade more states to install removal facilities similar to Connecticut's on the sewage treatment plants that discharge into water bodies that Connecticut will be treating.

The decision to recommend these measures was a difficult one, arrived at after extensive research,

and six public hearings, at which testimony from a broad array of professionals was taken. The Department examined in detail evidence on nutrient enrichment of waters, effects of a possible phosphate detergent ban, alternative detergents and their effects, safety and availability, and social and financial costs associated with any change.

DEP's report of investigation details the studies the Department undertook. A few high points are summarized here to clarify the issues at hand; the entire 70-page report may be read in the Information and Education Office of the Department.

DETERGENTS

A detergent is composed of

- a surfactant, or cleansing agent, which cuts grease and suspends dirt. This can be soap, which is a sodium or potassium salt of a fatty acid, usually made from animal tallow, or a synthetic surfactant, usually a sulfate of fatty alcohols made from petroleum.
- a builder, which allows a surfactant to perform at maximum efficiency, usually by softening the water, combining with the calcium and magnesium ions that make water hard. If the hard water ions are not inactivated in this way, they can react with the surfactant and precipitate out, causing scum. Builders also suspend and disperse particulates, and contribute alkalinity to the washing process. Sodium triphosphate is the usual laundry detergent builder, and has a long record of health safety. Other builders in use include sodium carbonate (soda ash), trisodium citrate, sodium silicate, and borates.
- additives, such as sodium silicate (usually 6% of the detergent, used as an anti-corrosion agent), fluorescent or optical whiteners (your "whiter, brighter wash"), carboxymethyl cellulose (to prevent redeposition of soil), sodium xylene sulfonate (a dedusting agent), diethanolamides of coconut fatty acids (foam boosters), and sodium sulfate (a filler, usually some 20% of the detergent).

PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus (hereafter abbreviated as P, used in the form of sodium tripolyphosphate as a builder in detergents) is a natural non-metallic element which is vitally necessary for all forms of life, and is present generally in the earth's crust. It is usually available in the natural environment in small amounts which are tied up in living or dead organic material or absorbed in soil particles. P, soluble in water, is usually present in small amounts in groundwater which leaches to streams, where it becomes available to aquatic plants. It is taken up directly by land plants. In both cases, it is introduced into the food chain and moves within the environment.

illustrations by Deborah Dumin

Normally, P discharged to a waterway does not remain in solution, but is taken up by the organic and mineral material present in the water. The P therefore tends to be retained in impoundments, lakes or ponds. A lake or impoundment with a small surface area in proportion to its watershed has a greater potential to become eutrophic than does a lake with a large surface area in proportion to its watershed.

Connecticut soils are generally deficient in P, and the largest single commercial demand for the mineral in the state is as fertilizer in agriculture.

P can also reach water through surface runoff from agricultural areas using P fertilizer, from the urine and feces of animals which eat P-containing plant materials, and natural "harvesting" such as tree leaves falling into water.

The most significant source of P discharge is sewage effluent. Man consumes plant material, meat, eggs and dairy products, all containing P. Human excrement plus a small amount of phosphorus added to domestic water supplies to control corrosion in piping, and the phosphorus in detergents account for the P present in sewage effluent.

Of these sources, the single largest is detergent phosphorus.

detergent phosphorus	55%
human wastes	40%
corrosion control	5%

Approximately 40% of the sewage generated in the state from domestic sources goes to septic tanks rather than sewers, and the P is retained in the soil surrounding the leaching field. When the system fails, there may be P discharge to surface waters.

Industrial discharge of P comes mostly from food processing, detergent use and metal finishing processes. The DEP report does not consider industrial P sources, as many sources discharge to public sewers, or are treated separately. Normal metal finishing treatment removes substantial amounts of the mineral.

The State of Connecticut has had a long history of phosphorus discharge control, focusing in the past on controlling wastewater discharge to lakes and impoundments where eutrophication can result rather than on construction of treatment facilities specifically to remove phosphorus.

The program concentrated on (1) eliminating, where possible, raw and treated sewage discharged to lakes and impoundments; (2) restricting new discharges of treated sewage to these bodies of water; (3) limiting treatment plants discharging treated sewage to a minimum number of major rivers in the state.

Due to this longstanding program, there is no direct discharge of treated sewage effluent to any natural lake in Connecticut. All sewage discharge to other lakes or impoundments will be extremely limited when present construction programs are completed. The major impoundments which will continue to receive treated effluent are all created by dams, and are nearly all on the main stem of major river systems.

Where elimination of treated sewage discharge was impossible and nuisance algae exist, routine chemical treatment (usually copper sulfate) has been employed to minimize algae growth. Reservoir aeration is also becoming more common.

The continuation of the program to limit new sewage discharged to major river systems has been reinforced by the recent revisions to the state's Water Quality Standards. These standards preclude future phosphorus discharge which would increase the concentration of P in the stream above theoretical background levels (30 parts per billion); these standards apply to all but eighteen impoundments.

In addition to sewage treatment, the DEP report examined other alternatives to a phosphorus detergent ban. These included: halting sewage effluent discharge to water bodies (considered impractical at present, as total land irrigation of sewage in Connecticut would require enormous commitment of land and money; though there are some such projects in the state now); coupling a P detergent ban with an alternative to the flush toilet (not practical at this time, but ultimately, perhaps the most cost effective means of controlling many pollutants as well as water borne diseases); eliminating certain impoundments where algae can grow due to sewage discharge (some of Connecticut's impoundments exist to produce electric power; demolishing them would create a higher cost than other control means); undertaking biological and chemical treatment (biological controls are not yet completely understood, chemical controls can remove phosphates; however, treatment of sewage would remove other pollutants as well as P).

The sewage treatment method was found to be the most effective at this time.

FINDINGS

The findings of the DEP report, facts upon which the recommendations were based, are reproduced in their entirety below.

1. Eutrophication is the process of accumulation in slow-flowing water bodies of organic material that "ages" such bodies. It is a natural process as well as a man-induced one. Cultural eutrophication is the excessive enrichment of lakes and impoundments with nutrients attributable to human activities.

2. Major sources of excess nutrients in culturally eutrophying waters are sewage effluent, erosion, runoff from fertilizers, and septic system failures.

3. Phosphorus is a natural element vital to the food chain and present in all plants and animal bodies. In Connecticut fresh waters, under natural conditions, phosphorus is the essential nutrient in shortest supply, and its limited availability can limit the growth of aquatic plants, including algae. At phosphorus concentrations naturally occurring in Connecticut waters (10-30 parts per billion), algae growth -- though present -- is minimized.

4. In marine waters, nitrogen (rather than phosphorus) is the nutrient whose supply limits the growth of plant life, and a reduction in marine phosphorus concentrations will not reduce eutrophication.

5. A reduction in the concentration of a limiting nutrient will result in the reduction of plant growth. However, other factors -- such as sunlight, temperature, transparency, and alkalinity -- also play significant roles in eutrophication and in algal growth and bloom.

6. Only 13 Connecticut lakes or impoundments now receive treated sewage effluent either directly or from upstream sources. The state's Water Quality Standards severely restrict phosphorus discharges from any source to all but 5 of the state's other lakes and impoundments.

7. The single most significant source of phosphorus discharge to Connecticut water courses is sewage effluent. Approximately 3,528,000 pounds of phosphorus annually enter streams from sewage discharge. An additional estimated 1,140,000 pounds enter from natural runoff.

8. The largest source of phosphorus in sewage effluent is detergent, which contributes approximately 55% (about 1,850,000 pounds of the 3,528,000 pounds annually discharged to waterways).

9. Human bodily wastes contribute the next largest amount of phosphorus discharged to waterways through sewage effluent -- approximately 40% (about 1,510,000 pounds) of the annual total.

10. Banning detergents containing phosphorus will not eliminate eutrophication but could reduce the amount of algal bloom. Treating sewage effluent to remove phosphorus would probably not eliminate eutrophication in impoundments but it could reduce algal growth and bloom to normal levels. Using either control method, the effects of reducing phosphorus concentrations will not be noticeable in some water bodies for one to two years after removal begins.



11. Treating sewage effluent to remove phosphorus can result in significantly higher removal rates than would be achievable with a detergent phosphorus ban. For example, a ban would reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Lillinonah from the Danbury sewage treatment plant by 67,200 pounds annually. Providing phosphorus treatment facilities designed for 99 per cent removal would reduce the phosphorus entering the lake from the plant by 190,000 pounds annually. The degree of treatment desirable at individual plants would have to be decided after evaluation of the extent and characteristics of each problem in a given water body.

12. Forty percent of the state's domestic sewage goes to septic systems rather than treatment plants. Phosphorus from septic wastes is normally retained in the soil surrounding the septic leaching field; such retention restricts its movement into water bodies.

13. Only 1/2 of 1 percent of the state's population resides around recreational lakes and impoundments where they must continue to rely on septic systems for domestic wastewater disposal. Failure of such systems could result in the discharge of phosphorus to lakes and impoundments that receive no effluent from sewage plant discharges.

14. There are presently two major substitutes for phosphorus in detergents -- sodium carbonate and sodium citrate. Of the two, sodium carbonate now has a much wider market. If phosphorus were banned, the carbonate substitute would probably capture most of the market.

15. Use of sodium carbonate results in the formation of calcium carbonate (limestone) which is deposited in and on clothes and in washing machines and pipes. The calcium is naturally present in water. The hardness of water is measured by its calcium and magnesium content; the harder the water, the more calcium, and the greater the rate of limestone formation and deposit. Dirt on clothing can contain calcium that, added to the calcium in washing machine water, can then form more limestone.

16. Limestone formation will reduce the lifetime of clothing and result in increased washing machine maintenance, depending on rate of formation. The use of sodium carbonate detergents in hard waters increases the rate of limestone formation in and on clothing and result in less satisfactory cleaning.

17. Using sodium carbonate detergents to wash children's sleepwear that is treated for fire-retardancy results in limestone deposition in and on the sleepwear, thus masking the fire-retardancy property.

18. Sodium citrate detergents do not result in the formation of limestone and its depositing on clothes, washing machines or pipes. These detergents seem to be satisfactory in cleaning and are available in the market -- usually, however, in liquid forms which traditionally have been less acceptable for home use.

19. Sodium silicate is another substitute for phosphorus, but its drawbacks are its potential for stimulating diatom growth and its alkalinity and corrosiveness; the latter two characteristics pose public health problems.

20. Borate compounds are yet another substitute, but they accumulate in the body, are moderately toxic and non-biodegradable.

The DEP report also stated that should the present situation change and problem-free phosphate detergent substitutes become available, the Department would want to reconsider its recommendations.

Even though the strategy to remove phosphorus by sewage treatment will be more effective than a ban, DEP finds it unlikely that the nuisance aspect of eutrophication (algae blooms) will be totally eliminated. It is not likely that some water bodies will show noticeable improvement in less than 1 to 2 years after treatment begins.

INLAND WETLANDS

The Department's Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Regulations were filed with the Secretary of State on February 22, 1974, after approval by the Attorney General's office and the Legislative Regulations Review Committee.

While the regulations are presently in effect, the statewide permit procedure will not be implemented until July 1, 1974, in all towns lacking municipal regulations. The Commissioner will exercise his authority to protect the state's inland wetlands and water courses during this interim period in cases where a development poses a serious threat to the quality of existence of these resources.

Printed copies of the state regulations will be sent to Municipal Chief Executives, Conservation Commission Chairman and Inland Wetlands Commission Chairman within two weeks. Extra copies may be obtained from the Water and Related Resources Unit (566-2642) as soon as printed copies are available.

The Department is continuing to review municipal regulations in increasing numbers. Twenty towns have adopted regulations and another ninety-one have established a local inland wetlands agency. If agencies require technical assistance in the evaluation of permit applications Miss Janet Hyndman, Biologist with the Inland Wetlands Program, should be contacted at phone number 566-2642 or 566-3707.

TRANSPORTATION CONTROLS

In the last issue of the Bulletin, we described the necessity for transportation controls which EPA required DEP to plan and implement for the Hartford area. In this area, photochemical oxidant levels exceed the federal air quality standards set to protect the public health and are projected to continue to do so past the May 31, 1975 deadline set by Congress to meet federal national air quality standards. Automobiles are the prime contributors of nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons, the two chemicals which form photochemical oxidants, and the federal agency informed the state that some form of transportation controls would be necessary to reduce automotive pollutants.

EPA has since informed DEP that further monitoring of state air quality levels has confirmed the necessity of transportation controls for the area between Greenwich and New Haven. The controls will be necessary to achieve the national standards in this region for carbon monoxide, as well as photochemical oxidants.

Photochemical oxidants can produce several adverse health effects. They irritate the eyes, sometimes causing tearing, and cause respiratory irritation and changes in lung function. Asthmatics and others who suffer chronic lung disease are severely affected by high oxidant concentrations.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible and odorless gas which is found in high concentrations in city traffic. It is lethal in high concentrations and, in lower concentrations, can result in lack of sufficient oxygen, which is dangerous, particularly for those who suffer from cardiac problems.

EPA has authorized funds for consultant services to aid the state in drawing up control plans. The final plan for Hartford, including data gathered at public hearings, is due to be completed July 31, 1974.

The Departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation, and Finance and Control are the three agencies working on the Hartford metropolitan area control strategies (covering the 36 towns in the Capitol and Central Planning Regions.) Citizen input into their deliberative processes is essential, and the department will be holding a series of workshops for public discussion. The dates will be announced, and widely publicized, when set.

The EPA-financed consultant, the GCA corporation, is undertaking a preliminary analysis of the problems and possible solutions for controls. These options are in no way any proposed plans, but will serve as a sounding board for citizen debate. Once the public input is gathered in the workshops, a proposed transportation control plan will be drafted. This proposed plan will again be presented for citizen scrutiny and debate in public hearings.

Transportation controls generally fall into two categories. The first is the reduction of the amount of emissions coming from each vehicle through programs that might include inspection and maintenance of automobiles and installation of additional pollution control devices.

The second method is to reduce vehicle miles traveled or VMT. Reduction of VMT can be achieved in numerous ways. Increased car pooling and increased use of public transit have both already begun as a result of the energy crisis. Both decrease the VMT in a given area. Disincentives to automobile use will also decrease vehicle miles traveled, as well as increase the use of available transit. Again, the energy crisis has showed us ways in which this happens; decreased availability of gasoline and increased prices have tended to decrease vehicle use and therefore VMT.

In general, transportation control strategies can and should serve multiple objectives:

- achieve clean, healthy air
- conserve scarce energy resources
- provide good transportation service for all citizens
- provide capacity for development

THE BUFFER BUNCH

The Department's popular wildlife buffer bunch is again available to homeowners wishing to attract and feed wildlife.

The buffer bunch contains 20 conifer seedlings and 30 small shrub seedlings of a variety of species, all grown at the State Forest nursery in Voluntown. The evergreens are valuable as wildlife cover, and the shrubs attract and offer food to birds and animals.

The cost is only \$7.00, an increase of a dollar over last year's cost. The increase will cover mailing of the seedlings directly to the applicant's home. In view of the energy crisis, the Department decided to eliminate any necessity to travel to a central distribution point.

Commissioner Costle urges homeowners to apply immediately if they wish to receive a buffer bunch, as the number the Department can offer is limited. Last year, the State Forester's office received twice as many applications as could be filled. The disappointed applicants were mailed special notices of the program this year, and some 1,000 have already replied. The remainder will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Planting season is approaching, and the Department has set April 1 as the deadline for receiving applications.



DEP has had to set only two restrictions on the program: homeowners may not use the seedlings for ornamental purposes or resell them for commercial ends.

"The seedlings are not suited for landscaping or foundation cover purposes," said the Commissioner. "We are running this program to aid the citizens interested in wildlife and to increase habitat suitable for birds and animals."

In particular, the ice storm last winter destroyed many trees and shrubs in urban areas which birds and small game relied upon for food and cover. The buffer bunches could be used to great advantage to repair the damage.

At delivery, the seedlings will be six inches, or taller. The trees and shrubs will take 8-10 years to develop into a true buffer strip, but wildlife will realize benefits before that time and the plants will also aid in soil erosion control.

Homeowners who wish to purchase the buffer bunch should request an application from the four regional DEP offices, or the State Forester's office in Hartford. The addresses are: Region I, P.O. Box 161, Pleasant Valley 06063, telephone 379-0771; Region II, Judd Hill Road, Middlebury 06762, telephone 758-1753; Region III, R.R. 2, Box 150A, East Hampton 06424, telephone 295-9523; Region IV, State Forest Nursery, R.F.D. #1, Voluntown 06384, telephone 376-2513; State Forester's Office, Room 260, State Office Building, Hartford 06115, telephone 566-5348.

GOIN' SWIMMIN

DEP needs 69 lifeguards for the state park and recreation areas in Connecticut this summer.

Candidates must be 18 years old by the time of employment (around June 1). First year guards will be paid \$2.71 per hour; work will total a minimum of 80 hours per two week pay period. Housing is provided at most areas.

Competitive tests will be held at Central Connecticut State College's Kaiser Pool at 10 a.m. on March 30, April 13 and May 4. Applicants may just show up for the test, or write or call DEP's Parks and Recreation Unit, Room 265, address on the masthead, telephone 566-2304 for further information, or to request copies of the application and test to be given.

FISHING

The public fishing ponds at DEP's Quinebaug Valley Hatchery will open March 15. Two ponds of two acres each are stocked with more than 1,000 trout apiece. One pond is restricted to fly fishing with single barbless hooks, the other to fishing with lures equipped with a single barbless hook.

Anglers may catch and release any number of fish and may continue fishing within their permit period (three hours) till one fish is killed or creeled. The cost is only 50¢; juveniles under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed angler over 21.

Admittance to the ponds is by permit only; applications from Fish and Water Life Unit, Room 225, address on the masthead, from the DEP regional offices (listed in the buffer bunch article) or from Quinebaug. Application must be returned to the department at least six days before the desired fishing date.

DEP's Quinebaug Valley Hatchery has acquired ten fiberglass tanks to be used to rear Atlantic salmon smolts. Five tanks were given by the International Atlantic Salmon Foundation through the efforts of Restoration of Atlantic Salmon in America, Inc. and five by former Commissioner Dan W. Lufkin.

With the new tanks, 25,000 - 30,000 Atlantic smolts can be raised yearly without curtailing the hatchery's established trout production. The smolts will be released in the Connecticut River and its tributaries as part of the program to restore salmon to the river system.

IN THE PAST MONTH...

Air Compliance

DEP's Air Compliance Unit has, for the first time, required a performance bond from a Connecticut company to ensure compliance with air pollution regulations. Bullard Casting, Inc. of Bridgeport was required to post a \$400,000 performance bond to guarantee compliance be achieved in a timely and effective manner. A \$2,500 fine was also levied against the company for failure to achieve previous compliance timetables.

Parks

Stratton Brook. DEP is upgrading public facilities at Stratton Brook State Park in Simsbury. A public walkway and safer parking lot are being constructed, and the entrance road will be extended. The additions and extensions will eliminate current erosion problems as well as increase safety; extensive replanting around the area will be done.

Bluff Point. Connecticut has received a \$1,667,250 land and water conservation fund grant from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to acquire 530 acres to add to Bluff Point State Park in Groton. The federal grant will be matched by the state for a total recreation investment of \$3,334,500. When developed, this additional parkland will provide close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities for the 79,000 residents of the rapidly urbanizing Groton-New London area as well as other residents of the state.

Carpools

Beginning March 15, any passenger vehicle with three or more persons in it will be eligible for reduced tolls on the Connecticut Turnpike. The program, designed to encourage carpooling, will offer a book of 42 commuter tickets for \$1 instead of the normal \$3.50 cost. Both reduced rate and regular ticket books will be valid for 60 rather than 30 days, and will be valid at more than one toll station.

Carpools can save 71% on toll costs under this program, which will be strictly enforced. A commuter ticket will only be valid with three people in the car at the time of the ticket use.

Wetlands

The Commissioner has issued an order establishing the bounds of tidal wetlands in East Haven, Ecological Unit 30, Subdivision 2. The map is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, East Haven.

FOUR YEARS AFTER EARTH DAY '70

Clean up and anti-litter programs will highlight extensive environmental activities during the month of April. Governor Meskill has designated the entire month as "Johnny Horizon '76 Clean Up America Month". April 22-28 has been set aside as "Earth Week" and April 27th will be "Rid Litter Day."

Scout, 4-H, and other youth groups are encouraged to participate in active clean up and anti-litter educational programs during April. Schools may wish to conduct special environmental education programs during Earth Week.

Assistance in developing anti-litter programs is available from the "Pitch In" coordinator in Connecticut, Andy Mikashus in Warrenville at 487-0841 or from the Information and Education Unit of DEP at 566-3489.

"Arbor Day" will be observed on April 26th which will provide another opportunity for students to participate in conservation oriented activities.

Questions on any of these observances may be directed to DEP Information and Education, State Office Building, Hartford, Conn. 06115. The Johnny Horizon '76 program is an official Bicentennial activity and will be coordinated by the Bicentennial Commission at 59 S. Prospect Street, Hartford, Conn. telephone 547-1776.

WILDLIFE

To recognize the importance of wildlife and the need for vigilance in protecting endangered species, the week of March 17-23 has been designated as "Wildlife Week" in Connecticut. The Connecticut Wildlife Federation will spearhead efforts to inform Connecticut residents concerning the status of some of our native species. For additional information, contact the Federation at 438 Main Street, Middletown, Conn. 06457.

CALENDAR - Public hearings, deadlines for comment, noteworthy dates.

Hearings may be rescheduled, or planned too late

for the Bulletin publication date; this does not, therefore, pretend to be a complete or official list. It is wise to call and check scheduling before attending a hearing; for details call 566-3489 or number listed. Some hearings may be completed before you receive this Bulletin; they are included to provide a continuous record of department activities.

March 5 7:30 p.m. Hearing on application of Can-Len Development Corp. to install and maintain a pile and timber bulkhead in the Norwalk River at Norwalk. POLICE COURTS BUILDING, WEST AVENUE, NORWALK.

March 7 7:30 p.m. Hearing on application of King's Boat Sales to install piers, ramps, floats, mooring piles and to dredge an area in the Menunketesuch River in Westbrook. AUDITORIUM, WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, WESTBROOK.

March 12 7:30 p.m. Hearing on application of George P. Korteweg to fill an area in the Mystic River in Stonington, to be used for construction and parking. AUDITORIUM, STONINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

March 13-15 Symposium on Public Participation in Environmental Assessment, conducted by the State University of New York, \$50 fee. Information from David Palmer, SUNY 315-473-8800.

March 18 10 a.m. Senator Ribicoff's hearings on the Long Island Sound Study. The public is welcome to attend and listen; the hearing itself is for the New England River Basin Commission and Long Island Sound Study staff to brief the Senator on the progress of the Long Island Sound Study. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, STAMFORD

The public will have a chance to testify on the plan at a series of hearings beginning April 3, and listed below. Further information from the Long Island Sound Study in New Haven 772-0800 X 6470

March 19 Deadline for comment on application of Captain John's Sport Fishing Center to remove a dock and construct, install and maintain four finger piers, and mooring pilings in the Niantic River at Waterford. Information from 566-5308.

March 20 7:30 p.m. Reopened public hearing on the application of Henry C. Benham to conduct a regulated activity within the bounds of a wetland, Ecological Unit 39, Subdivision 1. DANIEL HAND HIGH SCHOOL, 302 GREENHILL ROAD, MADISON

March 21 10 a.m. Hearing on proposed amendments to the boating safety regulations. Amendments: requiring regulatory beacons to contain the symbol of regulation within their borders; enlarging the list of information required to be reported in boating accidents; requiring personal flotation devices be available on a vessel towing water skiers; specifying certain lakes on which boats powered by motor are not permitted. ROOM 112, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, HARTFORD.

March 28 7:30 p.m. Hearing on application of the Town of Stonington to install a force main within the established bounds of a wetland in Ecological Unit 66, Subdivision 1, on the north side of U.S. Route 1, crossing the Pequotsepos River in Stonington. All related documents are open for inspection at DEP, Room 201, State Office Building. STONINGTON TOWN HALL, ELM STREET, STONINGTON.

April 3 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m. First of a series of public hearings on the draft Long Island Sound Study plan (the hearings are held for public input into the plan before it is finalized) PARK PLAZA HOTEL, NEW HAVEN

April 4 7:30 p.m. same as above OLD SAYBROOK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

April 8 7:30 p.m. same as above NEW LONDON HIGH SCHOOL

April 10 7:30 p.m. same as above FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER

April 11 7:30 p.m. CLOONAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, STAMFORD

April 9 7:00 p.m. Public hearing on amendment of existing capital grant to finance 100 new railroad commuter cars on the New Haven line. Copy of the grant proposal for the project may be inspected at Governor's Southern Office, 1642 Bedford Street, Stamford. CLOONAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STAMFORD.

April 13 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fishing seminar at Quinebaug Valley Hatchery in Plainfield, co-sponsored by DEP and the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association. Exhibits, flytying demonstrations, field instruction in fly casting, spinning and bait casting, fishing in stocked ponds, experts to check personal fishing outfits for proper balance. No charge.

April 22 Annual meeting of Connecticut Forest and Park Association, focusing on Utility Company Lands, and Implementation of Conservation and Environmental Programs at the Local Level. Open to the public; information from the association, P. O. Box 389, East Hartford 06108.



Register now for Ecology and Environmental Problems Workshop sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut - June 24 - July 12 3 semester hours undergraduate or graduate credit; enrollment limited to 24. Designed to provide educators and decision makers with a broader understanding of Connecticut, its geography, natural resources, environmental problems and management. Visiting lecturers from resource use agencies. Scholarships available: Information from Mrs. Richard McCallister, P. O. Box 151, Bridgewater 06752.

CONSERVATION VS. DEVELOPMENT

Conservation land can be as profitable dollarwise as developed land. Robert Lemire, chairman of the Lincoln, Massachusetts Conservation Commission, has developed a method to provide adequate decision-making estimates of cost/revenue relationships of new housing in a town and relate this to costs of holding land for conservation purposes. Mr. Lemire has written several articles on the subject; two, Shape Your Land Use Destiny, and Comparative Economics of Conservation vs Development, are available from the DEP Information and Education Unit at the address on the masthead.

PROPOSED BILLS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

The following is a list and very brief description of the bills concerning the environment which have been raised so far in the General Assembly, 1973-4 session.

The descriptions of the bills are in most cases taken from the General Assembly's bill list and give only the most general indication of the subject matter, which could change as the bill is redrafted later.

Any list such as this is impossible to keep current at this time, as the legislative processes move forward and bills are redrafted, boxed (effectively killed) passed into law subject to the governor's signature, or subject to public hearing. Some bills, raised, though still to be drafted, may not be included as their content cannot be predicted at this time. This list is to be taken only as the most general guide.

The involved citizen would do best to call the Information Center of the General Assembly, Room 207B, open 9-5, Mon.-Fri., 566-7050, if interested in the status of any bill. To secure copies, go to the bill room on the first floor of the state capitol, or try your local legislator.

Public hearings on proposed bills are held very soon after they are scheduled, and thus there is not time to give public notice in this Bulletin. For information on the hearings, call the League of Women Voters information booth, 566-3662.

In reading the capsules below:

S.B. - Senate Bill
H.B. - House Bill
H.R. - House Resolution
Boxed - not reported out of committee
Recommitted - sent back to committee for more work, will probably die.

The committee to which the bill has been referred is listed in capital letters at the end of each bill description.

AGRICULTURE

H.B. No. 5201. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID FOR FARM WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, to establish on a permanent basis a fund to reimburse farmers for installation of farm waste management systems.

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H.B. No. 5509. AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROJECT FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY CONTROLLED PLANT GROWTH, to make a study to determine if Connecticut may be more independent and self-sufficient in its production of its food supplies.

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H.B. No. 5512. AN ACT CONCERNING TESTING OF SEED FOR GERMINATION, to require seed sold nine months after expiration of the test date to be retested from seed stock at the point of sale.

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ALGAE

Proposed H.B. 5045. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ALGAE CONTROL, to appropriate to DEP \$35,000 for reimbursement to towns for algae and aquatic weed control as per Sec. 25-3c of the General Statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5632. Another bill dealing with algae control.

ANIMALS

S.B. No. 31. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES TAX ON EQUINES, to provide sales tax exemption for the sale of all horses other than racing horses.

FINANCE

S.B. No. 145. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5124. AN ACT CONCERNING CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF EQUINES, to require persons transporting equines to obtain a vaccination for Eastern equine encephalomyelitis (as well as Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis already required).

ENVIRONMENT. Recommitted.

H.B. No. 5125. AN ACT CONCERNING REVISION OF THE DOG LAWS, changes fees for various activities, establishes spay and neuter dog fund.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5126. AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF PUPPIES INTO THE STATE, to prohibit the importation of puppies into this state which are less than eight weeks old.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5127. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF PETS IN THE STATE, to forbid the sale of animals by pet shops that are not suitable pet animals because of health and safety reasons.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5160. AN ACT CONCERNING THE WHITE-TAILED DEER DESIGNATED AS THE STATE ANIMAL
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & POLICY. Deafeated
in House.

ANIMALS (Cont'd.)

H.B. No. 5174. AN ACT CONCERNING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, to strengthen the cruelty to animals statute by including under its provisions those persons who permit cruelty to animals under their care.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5220. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TESTING OF ANIMALS IN DRAWING CONTESTS, to allow for the testing for drugs in all animal drawing contests and to provide for a civil penalty for violating this section.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5287. AN ACT CONCERNING A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR WILD BIRD SEED, to exempt wild bird seed from the sales tax so as not to penalize the effort of those concerned with the preservation of wildlife in the state.

FINANCE

BOATING

Proposed S.B. No. 141. AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTION FROM BOAT REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE ELDERLY, to exempt from registration and fees any boat twenty or less feet owned by a person sixty-five years of age or older.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5136. AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL POLICE BOAT PATROLS, to permit state reimbursement for municipal operational police boat patrols.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5212. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF A SEPARATE FUND FOR BOATING FEES, to implement the governor's budget recommendation.

FINANCE

H.B. No. 5483. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF A SEPARATE FUND FOR BOATING FEES, to implement the governor's budget recommendation to appropriate gross fees and eliminate special funds.

APPROPRIATIONS

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

S.B. No. 259. AN ACT CONCERNING STAFF FOR THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, to permit the council to engage technical consultants to assist in review of programs and preparation of studies in connection with its responsibilities to renew state agency construction plans, to prepare its annual report, and to review environmental impact statements.

ENVIRONMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

S.B. No. 257. AN ACT CONCERNING POWERS OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, to abolish the Hogback commission which is no longer an operating commission and give the power to the Commissioner of DEP.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 258. AN ACT CONCERNING REPAIRS OF REAL ASSETS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, to authorize the commissioner of environmental protection to make contracts for repairs of real assets under the jurisdiction of the department of environmental protection up to fifty thousand dollars.

ENVIRONMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Cont'd.)

S.B. No. 260. AN ACT CONCERNING ORDERS TO LAND-OWNERS TO ABATE AIR POLLUTION AND SOLID WASTE POLLUTION AND THE FILING OF SUCH ORDERS ON LAND RECORDS, to make administrative procedures under air compliance and solid waste compliance consistent with water control by allowing the commissioner of environmental protection to issue pollution abatement orders to land owners and to place such orders on the land records.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 261. AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWER FACILITY EVALUATION COUNCIL, to provide that the fiscal and budgetary services needed by the council be rendered by the department of environmental protection.

ENVIRONMENT. Boxed.

S.B. No. 263. AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, to make certain technical changes in the statutes under the jurisdiction of the dept. of environmental protection including abolition of the northeastern resources commission and subdelegation authority to sewer authorities.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5511. AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR FIRST AID FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND LIFE GUARDS, to include life-guards and certain law enforcement officers of the department of environmental protection under the "good samaritan" statute.

ENVIRONMENT

H.R. No. 22. EXECUTIVE NOMINATION. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS M. COSTLE TO BE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

EDUCATION

S.B. No. 197. AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTION IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, to require public schools to give instruction in environmental protection.

EDUCATION

H.B. No. 5175. AN ACT CONCERNING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT THE BARTLETT ARBORETUM, to provide funds for employees of the educational program at the Bartlett Arboretum.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5176. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AT THE BARTLETT ARBORETUM, to provide funds for upgrading of the facilities of the Bartlett Arboretum

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5563. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOBIOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT TO STUDY TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN FOOD, to provide research in quality control of farm products.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5564. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOBIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, to continue the research program in chronic disease in poultry.

ENVIRONMENT

ENERGY

H.B. No. 5051. AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY POWERS RELATING TO CONSERVATION AND USE OF ENERGY, to grant the governor emergency powers to respond to energy shortages in the state and to ban display lighting until July 1, 1974, and to establish a Connecticut Energy Board which will formulate a long-range energy program for the state.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5052. AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY RATE STRUCTURES, to require the PUC to consider energy conservation in its rate structure decisions.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5345. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR RESEARCH IN SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, to appropriate \$50,000 to UConn for fiscal '75, with a report to be submitted by them on January 15, 1975 to the general assembly and the Connecticut Development Authority.

EDUCATION

FISHING AND SHELLFISH

S.B. No. 255. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A CULTCH PROGRAM FOR THE BRIDGEPORT NATURAL OYSTER BEDS, to continue a very successful cultch program run by the department of agriculture.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 256. AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATURAL OYSTER BED AT THE MOUTH OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 277. AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FISHING IN INLAND AND MARINE WATERS, to reorganize, clarify and standardize existing commercial fishing laws and increase license fees.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 278. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTING OF CLAMS OUTSIDE THE STATE, to establish better control over the taking of hard clams from polluted areas of the state in order to protect the public.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 305. AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PURSE SEINES IN THE LONG ISLAND SOUND, to clearly define the boundary line where fishing with a purse seine is prohibited.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5506. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPLANTING OF OYSTERS OUTSIDE THE STATE AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF NATURAL OYSTER BEDS AND SEED GROUNDS IN THE STATE, to give the commissioner of agriculture control over the taking of oysters in order to improve the natural oyster beds and grounds in the state.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5522. AN ACT CONCERNING ERECTION OF STRUCTURES IN OYSTER GROUNDS AND FRANCHISE, in order to provide oyster ground owners with adequate notice of applications which directly affect the use of the ground and to give the oyster ground owner an opportunity to express his views either in person or by attorney before the commissioner of the department of environmental protection.

ENVIRONMENT

FISHING AND SHELLFISH (Cont'd.)

H.B. No. 5642. AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FISHING AND HUNTING, to prevent the establishment of separate hunting and fishing areas solely for women.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Proposed H.B. No. 5139. AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES IN CONNECTICUT FOR NONRESIDENTS, to provide nonresident license fee shall be no less than the fee in the applicant's state.

FINANCE

HUNTING

S.B. No. 361 AN ACT CONCERNING BIRD AND FOWL HUNTING ON GRAY'S CREEK, no person shall hunt waterfowl or shore birds on a certain portion of Gray's Creek.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5102. AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF DEER, to give the DEP commissioner the authority to regulate the hunting of deer with a muzzleloader or shotgun.

ENVIRONMENT

See also Fishing 5139

INDIANS

S.B. No. 230. AN ACT AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL, to amend the composition of the Indian Affairs Council by the addition of a member from the Golden Hill Indian tribe and an additional member from non-Indian lineage.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY. Boxed.

H.B. No. 5507. AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL, to include on the Indian Affairs Council a member of the Golden Hill Tribe.

ENVIRONMENT

LAND

S.B. No. 11. AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY ZONE, to correct the boundary line of the conservation zone of the Connecticut River Gateway Committee and to make other technical amendments.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 190. AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL SALES TAX FOR PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACES, to have a state-wide referendum held on the question of additional 1 per cent sales tax the proceeds of which would be held in a separate account and used for the preservation of open spaces in the state.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 226. AN ACT CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF STATE OWNED OR LEASED REAL PROPERTY, to insure proper utilization of state owned or leased real property by requiring approval of the commissioner of public works before any conveyance or transfer of surplus property or usage of space therein is made by a state agency or institution, whether such transfer is within or without such agency or institution.

CORRECTIONS, WELFARE AND HUMANE INSTITUTIONS

S.B. No. 234. AN ACT CONCERNING REFERENDA ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMMUNITIES, to provide for a referendum on any proposed change in zoning regulations

or boundaries that involves the establishment of a new community within a municipality or affects more than fifteen per cent of the total undeveloped land area zoned for residential purposes or zoned or classified as farm, forest or open space land.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 268. AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SUBDIVISION, to redefine subdivision so as not to unduly restrict occasional conveyances of parts of large parcels of land and to limit the definition to divisions for purposes of residential development.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 284. AN ACT CONCERNING FULL, VERIFIED, CLOSED AND PRINTED INDEXES TO LAND RECORDS, to provide for accurate and uniform indexes to land records in every town.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 349. AN ACT CONCERNING LAND USE PLANNING to establish a state planning review agency to study present land use patterns and to insure that future patterns are in conformity with federal and state laws and regulations and with the state plan.

STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. 5244. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, to encourage towns to construct sidewalks which will eliminate the necessity of transporting children to school. This would increase highway safety and reduce the need for state aid for school transportation.

EDUCATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5376. AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR REGISTRATION OF LAND SURVEYORS, to increase the fee for registration of land surveyors to cover the increased cost of a two-day examination, which has replaced the former one-day examination.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. 5484. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF STATE-OWNED LAND AND OPTION TO PURCHASE BY THE MUNICIPALITY, to require that when state-owned land is to be sold, an option to purchase such land during a period of no less than sixty days, shall be offered to the municipality within which such land is located.

FINANCE

H.B. No. 5519. AN ACT CONCERNING AIRPORT OR RESTRICTED LANDING AREA OWNED OR LEASED BY THE STATE, to permit the acquisition of airport or restricted landing area by means of a special municipal election.

TRANSPORTATION

LAND-PLANNING AND ZONING

S.B. No. 6. AN ACT CONCERNING DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF ZONING AUTHORITIES, to provide a second method for replacing disqualified members from zoning authorities.

STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

S.B. No. 10. AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING APPEALS, to allow appeals to the supreme court on zoning matters as a matter of right.

STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. 5598. AN ACT VALIDATING ACTIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY.

GENERAL LAW

LAND-STATE

S.B. No. 2. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF STATE-OWNED LAND, to provide that the commissioner of public works shall purchase, acquire or sell all land and easements for the state and its agencies. STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. Boxed.

S.B. No. 120. AN ACT CONCERNING RIDING FACILITIES AT PACHAUG AND NATCHAUG STATE FORESTS, to improve the facilities at Pachaug and Natchaug state forests to make them more accessible for horse riders.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5158. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF STILLWATER POND IN TORRINGTON BY THE STATE.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5161. AN ACT DESIGNATING FORT GRISWOLD STATE PARK AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL PARK THE HISTORIC PARKS IN CONNECTICUT.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

H.B. No. 5288. AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF ANY PARCEL OF THE EASTERN HIGHLAND RIDGE BY THE STATE.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5352. AN ACT CONCERNING A BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR QUADDICK STATE PARK.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5619. AN ACT ALLOWING WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS, to allow women as well as men to execute plans for protecting and managing forests and to fight forest fires.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

LAND-TAXATION

Proposed S.B. No. 138. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANTS TO TOWNS IN LIEU OF TAXES ON STATE OWNED FACILITIES AND PRIVATE TAX EXEMPT INSTITUTIONS, to assist towns and cities within the state by requiring the state to make payments in lieu of taxes on tax-exempt real property. Such payments are to be based upon a proportion of assessed value directly related to nonresident use of state-owned facilities or tax-exempt institutions.

FINANCE

Proposed S.B. No. 139. AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBSTITUTION OF A STATE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP GRANT, to support the elementary and secondary educational systems by a uniformly assessed and rated property tax on any property with an assessed value of thirty thousand or more dollars.

EDUCATION

Proposed S.B. No. 144. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REVENUE SHARING GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF, to provide municipalities with more funds to alleviate the burden on local property taxpayers.

FINANCE

Proposed S.B. No. 160. AN ACT CONCERNING TAXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WHICH IS NOT USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUCH EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS OR AGENCIES, to permit municipalities to collect property taxes on property belonging to tax exempt organizations or governmental agencies but not used for religious, educational or charitable purposes. FINANCE

LAND-TAXATION (Cont'd.)

S.B. No. 313. AN ACT CONCERNING TYPE OF PROPERTY ELIGIBLE FOR DEFERRAL OF INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT DUE TO REHABILITATION, to allow all types of buildings to be eligible for tax abatement. STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5188. AN ACT CONCERNING TAXATION IN THE NAME OF THE LESSEE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION, to change certain conditions for taxation of a leasehold interest in real property owned by a tax exempt organization with respect to: (1) term of lease required, (2) elimination of requirement that rent must be annual, and (3) extension of term "leasehold" to include a lease of buildings in addition to a lease of land.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5359. AN ACT CONCERNING TAXATION OF EASEMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTS IN AIR SPACE, to provide that any estates, rights and interests in air space be liable to taxation in the name of the owner of such interest. Currently there is a problem with respect to taxation of such interests because section 12-64 only refers to "easements to use air space" and not other interests in air space which may be taxable.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5363. AN ACT CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT TO TOWNS FOR TAXES ON TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY, to assist the towns in carrying increased expenses which are dependent solely on a diminishing tax base.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5405. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ON LAND CLASSIFIED AS FARM, FOREST OR OPEN SPACE LAND, to provide that the amount of state grant in lieu of taxes on state-owned property to any town shall be no less than the tax loss to such town with respect to such property which would be properly classified as farm, forest or open space land.

FINANCE

LAND-WATER COMPANY AND PUBLIC UTILITY LAND

S.B. No. 53. AN ACT CONCERNING SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES TO THE STATE OR MUNICIPALITIES, to increase the time span required between various notices.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 82. AN ACT CONCERNING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON GROUNDS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS, to require water companies to allow fishing and other recreational activities within designated areas of their watershed.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5535. AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROVAL FOR THE SALE OF WATER COMPANY LAND, to provide additional protection for watershed lands by requiring state department of health approval of the sale of water company lands before approval of sale by the Public Utilities Commission.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

H.B. No. 5561. AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN SELECTION OF NEW HAVEN WATER COMPANY LAND, to provide the department of environmental protection funds so that the department may assist

LAND-WATER COMPANY AND PUBLIC UTILITY LAND (Cont'd.)

municipalities in the selection of surplus land owned by the New Haven Water Company.
ENVIRONMENT

LEAD

H.B. No. 5378. AN ACT CONCERNING LEAD POISONING, to provide funds for needed state-wide action with respect to lead poisoning and to encourage cities to remove lead paint from dwelling units and thus prevent children from getting lead poisoning, a cause of mental retardation.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

LOBBYING

S.B. No. 233. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR LEGISLATIVE APPEARANCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-45, to provide a reasonable fee for the present lobbying statute.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

H.B. No. 5538. AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING, to regulate and supervise lobbying activity through stronger identification procedures and disclosure by both the person so employed or retained and the employer or principal.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

MILK

H.B. No. 5523. AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSE FEES FOR THE MARKETING OF MILK, to eliminate the special reserve fund derived from the increase in the license fee from milk dealers and to revert any balance of such reserve fund to the general fund.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5562. AN ACT CONCERNING MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, to make uniform the definitions in section 22-127 and those in federal regulations.

ENVIRONMENT

NOISE

H.B. 5020 to provide for a comprehensive noise control program. Being redrafted at this time.
ENVIRONMENT

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

H.B. No. 5028. AN ACT CONCERNING SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY BY NONPROFIT CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS OR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

FINANCE

H.B. No. 5368. AN ACT CONCERNING SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY BY OR TO NONPROFIT CIVIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS SOCIAL WELFARE.

FINANCE

See also land-taxation 138, 160, 5188, 5363.

PESTICIDES

H.B. No. 5508. AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES WHO USE PESTICIDES, to establish qualifications for federal, state and local employees using pesticides consistent with the federal act. **ENVIRONMENT**

PHOSPHATES-being printed at this time.

POLLUTION CONTROL

S.B. No. 265. AN ACT CONCERNING SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR USE IN POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES, to provide for determination of the portion of expenditures for water and air pollution abatement facilities which are to be exempt from the sales and use tax.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5371. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR POLLUTION CONTROL. **ENVIRONMENT. Boxed.**

H.B. No. 5464. AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, to clarify and enlarge the power of the Connecticut development authority to participate in the financing of certain kinds of projects (such as waste disposal or pollution control facilities) for which federal tax exemption is afforded under the Internal Revenue Code.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5536. AN ACT CONCERNING INJUNCTIVE POWERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORS, and to specify certain situations involving immediate hazard to the health of persons other than those maintaining a nuisance which may be summarily enjoined; to provide for a civil penalty to give a violator an economic incentive to comply with the order of the director of health; to give the town director of health jurisdiction in the city or borough where such city or borough has no director of health.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

SEWAGE

S.B. No. 21. AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM INSTALLERS AND CLEANERS, to establish a separate licensing board and procedure for sewage disposal system installers and cleaners.
GENERAL LAW

Proposed S.B. No. 115. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FOR OPERATION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, to ease the financial burden on towns, cities, boroughs and districts operating sewage treatment plants pursuant to state requirements.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5231. AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRING THE STATE TO PAY FOR SEWER ASSESSMENTS FOR STATE OWNED PROPERTY IN TOWNS AND CITIES IN CONNECTICUT in 1969 the state required all towns and cities to construct sewer facilities. In the construction of said sewer facilities every property owner is assessed for the services that the town is providing under the sewer program except for the state owned property. It is unfair and unequitable to a town and city to be required to pay for sewer assessments which benefit state owned land. The citizens of a town and city should not be required to pay for assessments benefit the state.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5409. AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO INCREASE THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON SEWER ASSESSMENTS, to permit municipalities to charge interest on deferred assessments.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

SEWAGE (Cont'd.)

See also Miscellaneous 5033.

SOLID WASTE

S.B. No. 13. AN ACT CONCERNING A PER DIEM PAYMENT TO DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY, to compensate directors of the Resource Recovery Authority for their donations of time and effort.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 204. AN ACT CONCERNING FISCAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS, to allow solid waste disposal districts organized pursuant to chapter 361a to issue bonds by certain prescribed procedures.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

S.B. No. 262. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANTS FOR SOLID WASTE VOLUME REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL OPERATIONS, to eliminate the statute requiring a per capita payment of twenty-five cents to fifty cents to towns and regional authorities for operational costs of solid waste volume reduction and disposal operations.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5173. AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS TO MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES, to assure that remaining funds available are used for those waste facilities which meet existing air, water and solid waste standards.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5510. AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS, to extend the date that municipalities must adopt regional and local solid waste management plans until July 1, 1975.

ENVIRONMENT

SMOKING

H.B. No. 5518. AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC MEETING PLACES, to prevent the jeopardizing of a person's health from tobacco smoke when such person is at an enclosed public meeting place.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. 185. AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCING OF STATE BIKEWAYS.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 294. AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, to require the commissioner of transportation to obtain the consent of the general assembly before he expends funds to engage in experimental projects relating to any available or future mode of transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5145. AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF MULTIPLE USE AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, to permit communities affected by any state highway projects to undertake multi-use and joint development projects by the use of state highway funds.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION (Cont'd.)

Proposed H.B. No. 5260. AN ACT CONCERNING TOWN AID FUNDS FOR HIGHWAYS, to change the formula for distribution to a population rather than a mileage basis.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION-CAR POOLING

H.B. No. 5181. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PARKING AREAS OFF THE MERRITT PARKWAY, to create commuter parking areas at exits 37 and 38 of the Merritt parkway to encourage and assist in the parking of automobiles for the pooling of commuters.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION FUND

S.B. No. 242. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CREATION OF A STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND, to implement the governor's budget recommendation with respect to the Transportation Fund.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5214. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CREATION OF A STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND, to implement the governor's budget recommendation.

FINANCE

TRANSPORTATION-HIGHWAY GREEN BELTS

S.B. No. 217. AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF GREEN BELTS ALONG LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS, to create green belts along all limited access state highways.

TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5151. AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A LINEAR PARK ALONG PROPOSED ROUTE 7, to provide funds to continue engineering and acquisition of rights of way for the linear park along proposed route 7.

ENVIRONMENT

TRANSPORTATION-MASS TRANSPORTATION

S.B. No. 24. AN ACT CONCERNING POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER, to permit public service funds to be used to finance all forms of mass transit and not just rail and motor carrier service.

TRANSPORTATION

S.B. No. 25. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, which shall be empowered to continue, further develop and improve the state's rail and bus system, and to develop and implement a unified transportation plan for same.

TRANSPORTATION

S.B. No. 29. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE TRANSPORTATION ACT DEFINITIONS, defines mass transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. 157. AN ACT CONCERNING A GREATER HARTFORD TRANSPORTATION AGENCY, to mandate a greater Hartford transportation agency and provide tax support for the cost of operating mass transportation systems by the agency.

FINANCE

TRANSPORTATION-MASS TRANSPORTATION (Cont'd.)

Proposed S.B. No. 176. AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID TO TRANSIT DISTRICTS BASED ON A PART OF GASOLINE TAX FROM EACH DISTRICT AND A GRANT FOR MASS TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO NUMBER OF RIDERS, and to create a Regional Transit Finance Board.

FINANCE

Proposed S.B. No. 177. AN ACT CONCERNING A MASS TRANSPORTATION BONDING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS, and to provide that such authorization be subject to approval by a general referendum.

FINANCE

S.B. No. 239. AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE FOR MASS TRANSPORTATION, to provide a bond authorization of \$100,000,000 to implement the Governor's Capital Program recommendation for mass transportation projects.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5217. AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE FOR MASS TRANSPORTATION, to a sum not exceeding one hundred million dollars, to implement the governor's budget recommendation.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5286. AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN SAYBROOK AND HARTFORD.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION-TOLLS

S.B. No. 39. AN ACT CONCERNING TOLLS ON BRIDGES, to encourage carpooling and use of mass transit as a means of conserving fuel by exempting busses and cars with 2 or more passengers from paying tolls on bridges. TRANSPORTATION

S.B. No. 40. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF TOLLS ON THE WINDSOR-SOUTH WINDSOR BRIDGE, to encourage greater use of the Windsor-South Windsor bridge by immediately eliminating its tolls.

TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5154. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOLL AT THE CHARTER OAK BRIDGE, to immediately eliminate the toll at the Charter Oak bridge in East Hartford.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5390. AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE TOLLS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON CHARTER OAK BRIDGE, to eliminate all tolls on the Charter Oak bridge by July 1, 1974.

TRANSPORTATION

UTILITIES

H.J. No. 9. RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO NATIONALIZE GASOLINE AND OIL COMPANIES.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 142. AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT UTILITIES OWNED BY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONS ARE CONSIDERED "MUNICIPALLY OWNED" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 13a-98f AND QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STATE FUNDS PROVIDED BY SAID SECTION, enabling such districts to benefit from federal-state aid programs in relocating utility facilities.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Utilities-PFEC see DEP, S.B. 261

UTILITIES-PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

H.R. No. 23. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MORTIMER A GELSTON TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE POWER FACILITY EVALUATION COUNCIL.

S.B. No. 299. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION TO MAKE A STUDY CONCERNING THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, and to make any recommendations concerning changes in the composition or activities of said commission.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

S.B. No. 304. AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT INCREASES BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES, to require the public utilities commission to hold a public hearing prior to allowing a public service company to pass fuel costs adjustments on to the public.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 344. AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES FOR EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, to increase the annual assessment of public service companies for expenses of the P.U.C. by: (1) increasing the per cent of such expenses which is apportioned among public service companies as an assessment and (2) increasing the maximum total assessment which may be apportioned among such companies.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

See also Energy 5052

H.B. No. 5306. AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON ANY PROPOSED UTILITY RATE INCREASE BEFORE SUCH INCREASE BECOMES EFFECTIVE, to require that the Public Utility Commission hold a public hearing no later than thirty days prior to the effective date of any increase in rate to be allowed in the existing rate schedules of a public service company. BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

H.B. No. 5533. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICER OF CONSUMER COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION TO REPRESENT CONSUMER INTERESTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, to establish an advocate to represent the public before the public utilities commission in the area of rate increases and utility costs.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

H.B. No. 5547. AN ACT CONCERNING LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF PLANT ASSETS TO BE ACQUIRED BY A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

H.B. No. 5548. AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, to increase the membership of the public utilities commission from three members to five members.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

H.B. No. 5549. AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELEGATION OF POWERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ONE OR MORE OF ITS MEMBERS.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

H.B. No. 5661. AN ACT CONCERNING APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF ANY INCREASE IN THE FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT PORTION OF UTILITY RATES.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

UTILITIES-SALES TAX

S.B. 90, H.B. 5183, H.B. 5230, H.B. 5250, H.B. 5280, H.B. 5364. All concern elimination of the sales tax on utilities.

UTILITIES-UNDERGROUND LINES

Proposed S.B. No. 191. AN ACT CONCERNING ALLOCATING A PORTION OF THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST DISRUPTIVE BREAKS AND DAMAGE FROM WEATHER AND EXTREME CHANGES BY PLACING UTILITY LINES UNDERGROUND, to allocate one quarter of one per cent of the annual revenues of the sales and use tax as a separate fund to effect an ongoing public works program to place utility lines underground.

FINANCE

Proposed H.B. No. 5108. AN ACT CONCERNING A BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER AERIAL PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION CIRCUITS, giving the PUC \$50 million to allocate to power companies to begin placing such circuits underground, and to give the PUC the responsibility of designating the areas in which installation should start.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Proposed H.B. No. 5271. AN ACT CONCERNING TAX CREDITS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES FOR UNDERGROUND WIRES.

BANKS AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES

WETLANDS

S.B. No. 26. AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINITIONS RELATIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, to exempt ordinary maintenance or emergency repairs of transportation storm drainage facilities and bridge structures from tidal wetlands regulations.

TRANSPORTATION. Withdrawn.

S.B. No. 27. AN ACT CONCERNING ORDINARY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN WETLAND AREAS, to expedite ordinary DOT maintenance work by allowing a yearly permit for repairs to storm drainage facilities and bridge structures. Any new work would require a separate permit.

TRANSPORTATION. Withdrawn.

H.B. No. 5350. AN ACT CONCERNING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND TO COMPENSATE PROPERTY OWNERS UNDER TIDAL WETLANDS, to indemnify those property owners who have held lands within the tidal wetlands for a long period of time who had no notice of the change in land classification.

ENVIRONMENT

In addition, a number of bills relate to special projects.

S.B. No. 41. AN ACT PRESERVING THE SCANTIC RIVER VALLEY AREA IN ENFIELD.

STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

S.B. No. 121. BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR FLOOD CONTROL IN BRISTOL.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 137. AN APPROPRIATION TO ACQUIRE FACILITIES FOR A SATELLITE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN ESSEX.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 303. FLOOD CONTROL IN THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 307. AN ACT CORRECTING THE DESCRIPTION OF AN EASEMENT TO THE ELM CITY GUN CLUB FROM THE CONNECTICUT MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

S.B. No. 325. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND SITE DEVELOPMENT FOR PRESERVATION OF THE SCANTIC RIVER VALLEY IN ENFIELD.

APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 354. AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TOWN OF WESTON FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PROVIDING POTABLE WATER, to residents whose wells are being affected by the land fill project.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5197. A GRANT FOR FLOOD CONTROL IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5246. BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF BULKHEAD ALONG COLD SPRING BROOK IN OLD SAYBROOK.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5351. APPROPRIATION FOR SHORE EROSION CONTROL AT GIANT'S NECK IN EAST LYME.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5388. AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS FOR THE HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, to provide necessary funds for the South Green development project in Hartford.

STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. 5404. AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ON STATE OWNED PROPERTY, to increase payments by the state in lieu of taxes on property which constitutes more than one-half the geographic area of Voluntown.

FINANCE

MISCELLANEOUS

S.B. No. 5033. AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS, to require state and local government agencies such as DOH, DEP, building department to assist the real estate commission in hearings concerning inadequate sewerage facilities, sanitary services, etc.

STATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5044. AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS FOR FLOOD RELIEF, to provide state aid to towns for damage caused by natural disasters for which no other funds are available.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5305. AN ACT CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS, to give the towns the state's share of Federal Revenue Sharing.

APPROPRIATIONS

Several bills have no number yet, and are not available for summary as of this list. Bills on the following subjects have been raised by the Environment Committee.

- dissemination of energy conservation information.
- appropriation for purchase of seed scallops.
- survey of state park boundaries.
- appoint alternate members of inland wetland agencies.
- adjustments in boundaries of tidal wetlands.
- preservation of West Rock Nature Center.
- flood control in Watertown.
- litter bill.
- ban on flip-top cans.
- soil erosion and sedimentation.
- falconry.
- penalty for abandoning automobiles.
- payment of attorney fees for P.A. 96 suits.
- soil and water conservation districts.
- flood control project for Watertown.

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